

REMARKS

Restriction Requirement

Applicants provisionally elect Group III, claims 12-15 and 32-35, drawn to a method of detecting TADG-15 mRNA and a kit for said method, with traverse. No species election is required.

Applicants respectfully request that Group I, claims 16-17, be rejoined with Group III, claims 12-15 and 32-35. Claims 16-17 are drawn to a kit comprising an oligonucleotide probe specific for TADG-15 and an optional detectable label. Respectfully, the Examiner has identified such kits as belonging to Group III claims, however, claims 16-17 which recites such kits were grouped by the Examiner with the Group 1 claims, drawn to polynucleotides and compositions comprising the same.

Furthermore, the Examiner states that the polynucleotides of Group I and of Groups III, VII and XII are related as product and process of use and that the polynucleotides of Group I can be used in any one of the method Groups III, VII and XII thereby supporting the restriction. Applicants submit that the oligonucleotide probes recited in claims 16-17 are useful only in the methods of Group III claims which require hybridization probes specific for TADG-15 mRNA. Such probes are not useful in methods of inhibiting expression of TADG-15 or of treating a neoplastic disease via such inhibition as recited in claims Group VII, claim 26 and Group XII, claims 51-52.

Applicants submit that this is a complete Response to the Restriction Requirement, mailed June 22, 2006. If any issues remain

outstanding, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney of record for immediate resolution. Applicants believe that no fees are due, however, should this be in error, please debit any applicable fees from Deposit Account No. 07-1185, upon which the undersigned is allowed to draw.

Respectfully submitted,

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